

REMARKS

The present application contains claims 1-37.

Restriction is required between Groups I and II.

The restriction requirement as between Groups I and II is respectfully traversed. As indicated below, Applicant submits that the division between groups I and II is not correct and further traverses the restriction. Subject to the traverse, Applicant elects Group I.

The Office quite correctly classifies Groups I and II as being related as a process of making and a process made. The Office then requires restriction since the Office believes that the product can be made by another and materially different process, i.e., by providing a printing media and overcoating the media with an extruded overlayer coating.

Applicant submits that the "materially different process" mooted by the Office is within the bounds of claim 31, the method of making. This claim states:

overcoating the media with an overlayer coating, the overlayer coating comprising a second polymer material and having an outer surface to which a toner image can be fused and fixed, the second polymer comprising a polymer chosen from the group consisting of ethylene acrylic acid copolymer, polyvinyl pyridine and styrene butadiene copolymer

The term *overcoating* is a broad term that encompasses "overcoating the media with an extruded overlayer coating." In fact, the Examiner uses the term "overcoating" to describe this process, the very term used in claims 31 and 32.


1 Furthermore, claim 33 should by no means be in Group II. Claim 33
2 directly claims using the substrate of claim 1 or claim 19, which is in Group I.
3 Thus, claim 33 can not meet the criteria used by the Examiner for restricting it
4 (and dependent claims 34-37) from Group I.

5 Applicant submits that if the traverse is accepted, then all of the claims
6 should be examined in this application. Even if the traverse is not accepted, then
7 claims 33-37 should be examined together with claims 1-30 in Group I.

8 An examination on the merits is respectfully awaited.
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